Petronet LNG terminal at Kochi

*323. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether statutory approvals for the project Petronet LNG terminal at Kochi have been granted;

(b) the details of the pre-project activities;

(c) whether the arrangement for gas supply has been finalized;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any further formalities to be completed prior to the commissioning of the project;

(f) if so, details thereof;

(g) whether there is any time-frame fixed for the commissioning of the project; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) has obtained the necessary statutory approvals in respect of Kochi terminal. Approvals in respect of the Concession Agreement and the Land Lease Agreement with Cochin Port Trust have yet to be obtained.

(b) The following pre-project activities in respect of the LNG terminal at Kochi have been completed:

1. Land Survey and Soil Investigation.

2. Seabed Engineering and Oceanographic Investigations.

3. Marine Geo-technical Investigations.

4. Rapid and Comprehensive Marine and Terrestrial Environmental Impact Assessment Study.

5. Physical and Mathematical Model Studies.

6. Marine and Terrestrial Risk Analysis.

7. Detailed Feasibility Report.

8. Basic Engineering Package.

(c) and (d) PLL is in advanced stage of discussions for the supply of LNG from Gorgon project, Australia.

(e) to (h) Formalities relating to, *inter-alia*, execution of Concession Agreement and Land Lease Agreement are required to be completed before the commissioning of the Kochi LNG project. The project is estimated for mechanical completion around fourth quarter of 2011.

Tourism package for Goa

*324. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state: